

Utah FFA Association State Officer Commitment Form

QUALIFICATIONS AND PREREQUISITES

State Officers are required to participate on a very time consuming and continuous basis. Those aspiring to become officers must be highly qualified, able and willing to perform. Read and study the following rules, qualifications and prerequisites carefully. If, without reservations, you will be fully able to obey the following rules and carry out the role and responsibilities of a State FFA Officer; then sign this form and return it behind the completed State FFA Officer Application Form to the State FFA Executive Director.

ROLE OF A STATE FFA OFFICER

In order for present and future members of the state officer team, as well as chapter and state staff and the membership at large, to have an understanding of the state officers' role, the following major areas of responsibility are assumed by all elected state officers:

- 1 The state officer shall be a member of various boards which fulfill the governance functions of the Utah FFA Association.
- 2 The state officer shall execute the Utah FFA Association Program of Activities and shall assist the chapters in the execution of their program of activities.
- 3 The state officer shall be a disseminator of specific agricultural education and FFA information to the membership.
- 4 The state officer motivates, inspires, and encourages FFA members to participate in agricultural education and FFA programs. They assist members in their advancement of agricultural knowledge and development of leadership abilities.
- 5 The state officer shall maintain positive relationships with members, agribusiness organizations, educational organizations, personnel within the agribusiness sector, the public, and others interested in agricultural education.
- 6 The state officer shall project a positive image as a leader among American youth representing those qualities members and society accept as a life style role model.

STATE FFA OFFICER COMMITMENTS

If elected to State FFA Office I will carry out my responsibilities in accordance with all of the following statements. I understand that I may be removed from office by the FFA Advisory Board if I do not adhere to these established standards.

I will:

- 1 Be totally dedicated to the programs of Agricultural Education, SAE, and the FFA.
- 2 Be willing to commit the necessary time to state officer activities, realizing that your FFA duties will come before any other personal activities. This will include a great deal of time away from employment.
- 3 Be willing and able to travel in serving the state association.
- 4 Become knowledgeable of the SAE program, the FFA and the many opportunities available in the field of Agriculture as well as keeping up to date on current local and national events.
- 5 Work diligently through preparation and practice to develop effective public speaking skills and project a desirable image of FFA at all times.
- 6 Seek constructive criticism and evaluation of my performance. Constantly evaluate my personality and attitudes, making every effort to improve myself.
- 7 Serve as a member of the **TEAM**, always maintaining a cooperative attitude.
- 8 Take and follow instructions from those responsible for me.
- 9 Complete the goals of the FFA Officer Team.

Further more, I understand that I **WILL** be removed from office, by the FFA Advisory Board, if I do not completely adhere to the

I will:

- 1 Be free of military or other full time commitments that would interfere with my year in office.
- 2 Be regular, and on time, write all letters, thank-you notes, reports and other correspondence which are necessary and desirable.
- 3 Not become married or engaged during my term of office.
- 4 Follow the State Officer Code of Ethics:

- A. Not use any alcohol, tobacco or illegal substances during my term of state office.
- B. Treat all FFA members equally by not favoring one over another.
- C. Behave in a manner which conveys and commands respect without any air of superiority.
- D. Maintain dignity while being personable, concerned and interested in my fellow citizens.
- E. Avoid places or activities which in any way would raise questions as to my moral character or conduct.
- F. Consider girl or boy friends secondary to officer responsibilities.
- G. Use wholesome language in all speeches and informal conversations.
- H. Maintain proper dress and good grooming for all occasions.
- I. Avoid participation in, and actively discourage conversations which belittle or downgrade fellow FFA members. officers and adults.
- J. Realize that you represent the Utah FFA Association at all times not just while on official business.

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Attend and assist in planning and conducting all of the following required FFA activities.

- A. State FFA Career Development Events
Officer Training Activities (*State Officer Training, CTSO Leadership Training Institute, State Officer Continuum*)
- B. State Officer Summit (*President & Vice-President only*)
- C. Summer Chapter Officer Leadership Training Camps
- D. Utah State Fair
- E. National FFA Convention
- F. Area Leadership Conferences
- G. State FFA Convention
- H. State Officer Meetings (at least monthly)
- I. Chapter Visits (25 or more visits to chapter activities/classroom visits)
- J. Additional activities as assigned by the State Advisor/Executive Director or by the State Officer Team.

I have read, studied, and understand these commitments and I agree to abide by all of them.



Candidates Signature

I have reviewed and discussed this document regarding State FFA Officer rules, duties and responsibilities, with my son/daughter. I fully support their decision to run for State FFA Office.



Parent/Guardian Signature

Returning this signed form as part of the State FFA Officer Application is a requirement to running for State Office.

VI-1. Chapter Officer, Chapter Advisor, School Administrator Recommendation: I recommend the above named candidate for State FFA Office. This candidate is an excellent example of a good chapter member, student and community member. I am proud to tell others that this person is from my community, school and chapter. Signed:

[Redacted Signature Area]

Chapter President Signature

(Signature of Chapter Vice President if Candidate is current Chapter President)

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Chapter Advisor Signature

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School Administrator Signature